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GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of employment during 1997-2002 was estimated at 2.82% per annum on the basis of assessment of labour forces for the year 2002;

(b) if so, whether the employment opportunities have been created as envisaged in the Ninth Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the target by the year 2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) As per the projections in the Ninth Plan document by the Planning Commission the labour force growth is expected to be at its peak in the Ninth Plan period. It is estimated that full employment by 2007 is contingent upon acceleration in growth of employment in post 9th Plan period to 2.8 per cent compared to a realised growth of 2.36 per cent (1978 to 1994) and projected at 2.44 per cent in the 9th Plan. This objective is proposed to be achieved through the policies formulated and to be formulated during 9th and 10th Five Year plans. Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.